

Groundwater Advisory Committee (GAC)
MEETING MINUTES: Friday, June 3, 2005, 10:00 - 1:00 PM
Department of Natural Resources, Conference Room G09,
101 South Webster, Madison

Committee members In attendance: Todd Ambs, Andrew Graham, Doug Hahn, Lawrie Kobza, Ron Kuehn, Carol McCartney, Keith Meyers, Robert Nauta, Jodi Habush Sinykin, Dan Duchniak, David Holdener, Stuart Gross, DuWayne Johnsrud, Mike Carter.

*PowerPoint presentations and other materials referenced in the minutes can be found on the GAC web page: <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/water/dwg/gac/index.htm>

1. Welcome, Introductions, and General Business

- ❑ Todd Ambs opened the meeting and introduced Dan Duchniak, David Holdener, Stuart Gross as new members appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly. Ambs briefly reviewed the committee's role.
- ❑ The Agenda was amended: Paul Kent and Roy Simonsen could not attend.
- ❑ Approval of minutes: The minutes were corrected at agenda item number 3, Review and Discussion of Groundwater Advisory Committee's Charge. The statement "This provision is not technically in the legislation and would significantly broaden the charge of the GAC beyond the scope of the legislation, if included" was corrected to read "The GAC agreed this provision is not technically in the legislation and deleted this statement from the Committee's charge." The minutes were approved as corrected.

2. Discussion of Committee Organization and Function

- ❑ Jill Jonas DNR Drinking Water and Groundwater Bureau Director, asked for direction on committee logistics:
 - Finalizing science and technical workgroups' membership: Jody Habush Sinykin suggested a third workgroup to focus on biological/ecological impact to wetlands due to the switch to the shallow aquifer. She suggested Jeff Nania, John Coleman, Don Reed, Jay Vander Zanden and DNR experts. The committee agreed to submit names to be considered for inclusion in the existing workgroups by June 30th and to finalize work group membership at the next GAC meeting in August.
 - GAC liaison for the two workgroups: Lawrie Kobza volunteered for Planning and Water Use Workgroup liaison. Bob Nauta volunteered for Geology, Hydrogeology and Public Health liaison.
 - Posting draft meeting minutes on the website before Committee approval: It was decided that draft minutes will be posted to the web site. Draft minutes would be reviewed and approved at the following GAC meeting and the final minutes would then be posted to the web site.
 - Finalized minutes posted to website: External parties previously sent electronic copies of the minutes will be directed to the web site in the future.

3. Groundwater Use and Water Supply Issues in Southeast Wisconsin

- ❑ John Jansen (Aquifer Science and Technology) presented an overview of the water supply problems facing Southeast Wisconsin and some proposed solutions (see

PowerPoint presentation on GAC website). John also suggested that the committee address what can be done at the state level regarding setting utility rates and promoting water conservation.

4. SEWRPC Water Supply Study

- ❑ Bob Biebel, Special Projects Environmental Engineer of Southeast Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission, presented an overview of the study (see PowerPoint presentation on GAC website). Bob noted the region's challenges and that the study is to be completed in early 2007.

5. Water Use Issues in Brown County and the Central Brown County Water Authority

- ❑ Lawrie Kobza, substituting for Ron Simonsen, presented a brief overview of the Region's water supply problems and the water authority's actions to overcome them. There was interest in the legislation that empowered the water authority as an item for a future meeting.

6. Overview of Wisconsin Law of Groundwater Withdrawal

- ❑ Presented by Tom Dawson, Assistant Attorney General and Director of Environmental Protection Unit, Department of Justice (see outline on website).

7. State and Regional groundwater withdrawal programs

- ❑ Jill Jonas presented a table of information and Internet links to more information from Minnesota, Ontario, New Hampshire, Texas, South Florida, Oregon, and Washington. This information has been placed on the GAC web site.

8. Future Meetings Dates and Topics

- ❑ The committee approved meeting every 2 months (August 5, October 7, December 2) from 10-1 in Room G09 in the GEF 2 building.
- ❑ Priorities include Groundwater Management Area issues, which need to be reported on by December 2006, and guidance for DNR rule development on defining significant adverse environmental effects.
- ❑ DuWayne Johnsrud suggested having George Kraft come in to talk about irrigation issues.
- ❑ Committee members were encouraged to submit a 1-page summary of their thoughts on priorities and process for the committee, and agenda topics that they would like to see. Email messages will be sent to Jill Jonas by June 30th. (jill.jonas@dnr.state.wi.us)
- ❑ Todd closed the meeting by offering congratulations and well-wishes to Tim Asplund, DNR staff person, who is leaving his Drinking Water and Groundwater position for another position in the Water Division.